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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

JORDAN ET AL.

Examiner

John R. Hardee

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-13,22 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-13, 22 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 14, 2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5-13, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 recites that the cationic monomer must be capable of being protonated, yet A can still be a hard quat. This is inconsistent, and therefore indefinite. Applicant has argued in the most recent response that the monomer cannot be a hard quat, so it appears that "or NR6R7R8" and the definition of R8 should be deleted from claim 1. Until applicant does this, the originally cited prior art remains applicable.

Double Patenting

4. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 22 and 23 remain provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 12-22 of copending Application No. 10/698,309 for the reasons of record in the previous office action.

5. Claims 1-3, 11-13, 22 and 23 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5, 10 and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 7,125,835. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the patent recites compositions comprising a fragrance material which is encapsulated by a polymer, said polymer being coated by a cationic polymer. Use of acrylate polymers is recited in claim 7. This patent differs from the presently claimed subject matter in that it does not recite a composition which reads on the present claims with sufficient specificity to constitute anticipation.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to make such a composition, because this reference recites compositions with a genus-species relationship with the compositions presently recited by applicants for inclusion in a surfactant composition. The person of ordinary skill in the surfactant art would expect the recited compositions to have properties similar to those compositions which are exemplified, absent a showing to the contrary.

In the case where the claimed ranges overlap or lie inside ranges disclosed by the prior art, a *prima facie* case of obviousness exists. *In re Wertheim*, 541 F.2d 257,

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191 USPQ 90 (CCPA 1976); *In re Woodruff*, 919 F.2d 1575, 16 USPQ2d 1934 (Fed Cir. 1990).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

7. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 22 and 23 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 925,776 for the reasons of record in the previous office action.

Note that styrene, a nonionic monomer, is a preferred functional monomer, and it is disclosed as an equivalent of methacrylic acid, the other preferred functional monomer. A copolymer of styrene and a quaternized ammonium alkyl(meth)acrylate, disclosed as a suitable comonomer, would have a net cationic charge. In fact, the disclosure of the reference implies that a quaternized ammonium alkyl(meth)acrylate homopolymer would be a suitable polymer [0017].

8. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 01/04257. The reference is in German. Reference is made to column and line in English-language equivalent US 6,849,591. The reference discloses microcapsules having a core of hydrophobic material and a capsule shell of addition polymer containing most preferably 10-100% by weight of cationogenic monomer; 0-95 % of neutral polyethylenically unsaturated comonomers and 0-80% of crosslinking monomers of which at least one bond is acid hydrolyzable (col. 7, lines 21+). Suitable hydrophobic materials include perfumes, and suitable perfumes are disclosed at col. 3, lines 17+. Suitable cationogenic monomers include N,N-dimethylaminoethyl

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methacrylate (col. 6, lines 48-50). Suitable neutral monomers are disclosed at col. 7, lines 41+. If crosslinking monomers are present, the polymers will be insoluble in water. The microcapsule formulations may be added to fabric softeners (col. 11, lines 21-23). A particle size range is not disclosed, but the particles made in Example 1 have a diameter of 1-10 microns (col. 17, lines 58-60). This reference differs from the claimed subject matter in that it does not disclose a composition which reads on applicant's claims with sufficient specificity to constitute anticipation.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to make such a composition, because this reference teaches that all of the ingredients recited by applicants are suitable for inclusion in a surfactant composition. The person of ordinary skill in the surfactant art would expect the recited compositions to have properties similar to those compositions which are exemplified, absent a showing to the contrary.

In the case where the claimed ranges overlap or lie inside ranges disclosed by the prior art, a *prima facie* case of obviousness exists. *In re Wertheim*, 541 F.2d 257, 191 USPQ 90 (CCPA 1976); *In re Woodruff*, 919 F.2d 1575, 16 USPQ2d 1934 (Fed Cir. 1990).

9. Any prior art made of record and not relied upon is of interest and is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to the examiner, Dr. John R. Hardee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through

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Friday from 8:00 until 4:30. In the event that the examiner is not available, his supervisor, Mr. Douglas McGinty, may be reached at (571) 272-1029.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8100.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hardee", with a stylized, cursive script.

John R. Hardee
Primary Examiner
January 23, 2007